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Notes on the 1888 Journal

Rankin MacMillan

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The family: James 54 and Martha 44. Fannie 20. Fred 18.
ages: Harlan 16. Homer 14. Clara 12. Clayton 8. Jason 6. Florence 2.

- Beginning this year Fannie is at Monmouth College. Fred and Harlan are at high school in Selma. Homer is taking a special short hand course at Cedarville. Clara and Clayton are at McMillan grade school.

- Feb. 13. Homer starts school at Selma; Fred finishes his term at Selma.

- This winter rather mild, April a good month, able to get plowing done. Potatoes planted early. Started corn planting on May 5. From May 8 to 23 very wet and cool - delaying planting; finally finished May 31.

- Sheep shearers came 1st week in June; 600 sheep were sheared.

- June 23, Fannie home from Monmouth. (over)

- August, Thomas Mackenzie comes to Xenia, and to the farm to see Fannie.
- Sept. 3. Fred leaves home for Monmouth College.
Harlan returns to Selma High.
- September 24. McMillan school opens with Fannie as the teacher. Clara, Clayton and Jason attending there.
- Oct. 3 - a heavy frost.
- Oct. 7. - Horner and Harlan go to Selma High.
- Nov. 9 - Florence becomes ill. Get medicine from
Dr. Oglesbee.
- Between Nov. 9 and 18, they did all they could for
Florence. She could not retain any food. On November 18th
she died at 4:00 P.M.